

Great and True News from *LONDON*;

OR,

A Faithful Account of Several Proceedings of most Eminent Concernment : Relating to the Horrid Popish Plot, and other Transactions of Moment : *V I Z.*

First, The Tryal and Execution of the Five Notorious Jesuits, and Traytors, with the substance of their Last Speeches, and Answers thereunto.

Secondly, The Tryal of *Rich. Langhorn* the Councillor, with his Execution and Speech on the 14th. of this instant.

Thirdly, The manner of the takeing of *Blunden* a Priest, who was concerned in the Firing the City.

Fourthly, Mr. *Bedlows* new Discovery of the Popish Designs for Burning *London* and its Suburbs, with other chief Cities and Corporations of *England*.

Fifthly, A Relation of the Wonderful Child that at Three Years Old speaks *Latine*, *Greek*, and *Hebrew*.

Sixthly, An Account of the Rebellion in *Scotland*, the Great Fight and Routing of the Rebels by his Grace the Duke of *Monmouth*; with his happy return to *England*.

With several other Circumstances.

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The several names of the five persons who were
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The names of the persons who were concerned in the taking of
the city, and others

The names of the persons who were concerned in the discovery of the
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ON the 12th. of June Five Traiteious Jesuits, Viz. Whitebread, Provincial of the Jesuits, and Popish Bishop of Winchester, Harcourt, Fenwick, Gavor, and Turner, received Tryal; It was proved plainly upon them, that they with many other Jesuits, on the 23d. of April 1678, met at a Consult at the White-Horse-Tavern in the Strand, and there resolved that the King should be kill'd in order to effect their Design; and that Grove and Pickering should do it; for which one was to have Fifteen Hundred Pounds, and the other Thirty Thousand Mases. Besides the Testimony of Dr. Oates, Mr. Bedloe, Dugdale, France, &c. A Letter was produced and taken with Harcourt, summoning a Jesuit to appear at the time and place aforesaid to the Consult, and to have a special care not to appear too much abroad in London, for fear of discovering the Design, which in its own nature required Secresie: Thole were the very words, so that it appeared by their own paper they had some dangerous Design on foot. It was likewise proved, that Harcourt by a Letter dated the very Evening Sir Edmund. Godfrey was Murthered, sent word thereof to a Priest in Stafford-shire; and besides Mr. Dugdale, one Mr. Chetwin a Gentleman of considerable quality, Swore that it was by means of such a Letter discoursed of in thole parts two days before any discovery of his Body at London. The defence they made consisted wholly in little tricks, and endeavours to entrap the Witnesses by many sudden questions:

They likewise brought over a dozen or more Lads of their own breeding up at St. Omers, to prove that Mr. Oates was all the said Month of *April* at St. Omers, but though notably tutor'd, yet they agreed not in their Tales, nor was it any wonder they should say any thing that their Ghostly Father ordered them, being sent for, and many of them kept there this half year for this very purpose: but their Lyes were disproved to the satisfaction of all By-standers, by 8 or 9 substantial Evidences, that swore they saw Mr. Oates in that Month in *London*: Of whom one proved that he then dined with him at his House, and another was a Popish Priest, and yet was so Ingenious as to swear he saw him then without *Temple-bar*; so that things were as plain as the Sun, and the Prisoners found Guilty and Condemned.

On the Twentieth of *June* they were Drawn to *Tyburn* on Sleds and executed, but their Quarters given to their friends, who 'tis said sow'd them together, and had Limners to draw their Pictures to be sent beyond the Seas to be Worshipped. They made every one a speech, but all one in substance, denying with most dreadful appeals to God of their innocence, and that they were as clear as the Child unborn, protesting Loyalty to the King (but not naming him) and denying all Equivocations, &c.

This impudence hath startled many honest plain people: but as they did it for that very purpose, so in truth there is nothing strange in it. For thus we may return an answer to all they said.

First, 'Tis known that Blunden absolv'd them all, the day before, and by their Principles, after Absolution, the greatest Malefactor is as Innocent as the Child unborn.

Secondly, For the Lies uttered at the place of Execution, in denying all Equivocations, &c. even just when they were using them; they were observed at very last, to whisper all together, and as is verily believ'd, there gave each other Absolution.

Thirdly,

Thirdly, *When they denied being guilty of any Treason against the King, it must be remembered the Pope hath Deposed him, so that they thought he was neither their King nor capable of having Treason committed against him, for the bloody Villany they design'd they accounted justice.*

Fourthly, *One of them denied that any Jesuit but one, ever maintained in Print, the Doctrine of Killing or deposing, but all Schollars know the contrary, and therefore he that would so impudently affirm a Lye, that did nothing avail him, might deny a Truth in which his own and his parties Credit was so deeply and irreparably concern'd.*

Within a week after their execution, one Blundel a Priest, was taken near Lambeth, and surprized with a Letter that he had just written to Jesuits beyond the Seas lying before him, wherein he told them how Gloriously they dyed, without confessing any thing, and how he had been with them after Condemnation in Newgate, and given them Absolution; and several Notorious Lies, as that a Pardon was brought them at the Gallows, &c. purposely spread beyond the Seas, to keep up their credit, and make Protestants odious.

The next day after them, Viz, June the 13th. Mr. Langborn a Counsellour of the Temple was Tryed, he was the great Trustee and Agent for the Jesuits and most eminent Papists in settling their Estates: he entred all their Resolutions and Orders for managing the Plot in a Registry, and distributed the Commissions for raising Forces; all which were proved upon, and also that when it was told him Sir George Wakeman would not accept of ten thousand pounds to poyson the King, but would have more; his Devilish zeal was such, that he said: Sir George was a pittiful narrow-soul'd Physitian to stand upon Money in a business that was so much for the good of the Church, that every good Man, if he had the like opportunity would do it for nothing. Being condemned, he was respited for some time, but refusing to make any confession, except

except onely concerning some Lands of the *Iesuits*, which signified little. On the 14th. of *Iuly*, he was likewise Executed, behaving himself just after the rate of the rest: delivering a paper that morning to the *Sherriff*, containing a most formal protestation of his Innocency, drawn up as is believ'd by some Priest, to which paper at the place of Execution he referred himself, and so said little, but some private prayers; When he came to be stript, all his back and sides appeared to have been lately lashed grievously, lying all in wheals, and black and blew creases, which is believed to have been a penance inflicted on him for confessing so much as he did concerning the *Iesuits* Lands, such horrible fools and slaves do those *Priests* make of their deluded *Votaries*.

Mr. *Bedlow* hath lately made a very notable Discovery concerning the *Popish* designs of Burning *London* and other places, wherein himself was engaged as one of their Committee for carrying on the same; he there sets forth how the great Fire in *London* in 66. was carried on and promoted by one *Strange*, and several other *Iesuits*, and a great number of *French* and *Irish* *Papists* that assisted them; that the *Iesuits* got Fourteen thousand pounds and upwards by that Fire, their Agents plundering whatever they could light on in that time of Destruction, which they convey'd to *wild-house* and *Summerfet-house*, where they had Ware-Houses to receive such stolen Goods: How *Groves* lately executed for Treason in designing to murder the King, was the very Man that with his own hands fired *Southwark*, and often boasted thereof; having Three *Irish* *Ruffians* to assist, and were allowed a thousand pounds by the *Iesuits* for that service, that is 400^l. to him, and 200^l. a piece to them. How he the said Mr. *Bedlow* was himself engaged in the design about Two Years ago of Firing the City and Suburbs again, and joyned with one Father *Gyfford* for that purpose, that he laid in considerable matter for that use at his Lodging without Temple-Bar,

Barr, and in several Cellars near *Covent-Garden*, *White-cross-street*, *Red-Cross-street*, *Old-street*, *Seething-Lane*, *Wapping*, &c. naming the particular Houses and People whom he hired the said Rooms of, that the fires not long since at *Wapping* and *Lime-house* were the effects of their treachery, who designed at the same time to have burnt most of the Ships in the River, and that in *September* last, just before the Plot discovered, they resolv'd as soon as ever they had kill'd his Majesty, which they expected every day to have been done, then to fire the City in many places, lay the Murder on the *Fanatics*, and immediately to have risen in Arms, having Fifty Thousand ready for that purpose, and so to have Massacred all the eminent Protestants, and so many of the rest as would not turn *Papists*, and that others were employed in most great trading Cities and Towns to have fired them at the same time, and so over-run the Nation in an instant.

The late Rebellion in *Scotland* though carryed on by some deluded discontented *Presbyterians* rendered desperate by oppression, was certainly contrived and promoted by *Jesuits* and *Papists* got amongst them in disguise. It broke out on the 29th. of *May*, burning several Acts of Parliament, publishing a silly Declaration, &c. Whereupon Captain *Graham* on Sunday following, attacked them on *Landsdown-Hill*, but being over-powered with numbers sustained some loss. In short time after they made themselves Masters of *Glasgow*, and committed many Insolencies, in the mean time his Majesties Privy Counsel in *Scotland*, drew together the Militia of that Kingdom, who came in most chearfully, the people in general detesting their pretensions, after which his Grace the Duke of *Monmouth* riding Post to *Edenburgh*, headed his Majesties Host, and on Sunday the 22d. of *June*, drew up against them at *Bothwell-Bridge*, first offering them mercy if they would lay down their Arms, but they refused, whereupon he attacked them, and play'd on them with his Cannon,

non, which forced them to retreat, and so his Grace pressing upon them, after a sharp dispute totally routed them, and pursued their scattered parties for several days: There were about a Thousand of the Rebels Kill'd, and near as many brought prisoners to *Ireland*, and the rest are wholly dispersed: His Grace was joyfully received at *Edenburg*, and having in so few days dispatcht this mighty Work, and settled the Nation in Tranquillity; some Indulgence being granted to peaceable dissenters, he return'd to *England*, and was welcomed with all testimonies of joy at Court.

On the 28th. of *June*, there was brought up to *London* a Miraculous Child, who being but Three Years of Age, being born the 22d. of *June*, in the Year of our Lord, 1676. as by a certificate from the Church-Book, and other authentick Testimonies appears, does speak *Latine*, *Greek*, and *Hebrew*, reads any place in the Bible, and answers all Questions relating to the Historical part thereof; He was Born at *Manchester*, the Father a mean poor man, who had no opportunity of teaching him those Languages, but it comes wonderfully to him of it self; he was brought up to be shewn unto the King, and hath made all that have been to see him, which are many thousands, especially Schollars, who wonder at his pregnancy and parts, I my self being to see him, askt him suddenly how he said *God* in *Latine*, he readily answered *Deus*, then I askt him, how in *Greek*, he replied *Theos*, how in *Hebrew*, to which he replied as nimbly *Iah*, *Iehovah*, or *Adonai*, which are all words whereby the Divine Essence is expressed in that Language; I askt him further what he call'd a Woman in *Greek*, he answered *Gune*, how a Man, he said *Aner*, and many other questions too tedious here to repeat, not failing in one, but giving as true and pertinent answers as one well skill'd in those Tongues; 'tis believ'd the like at 3 years, and without any considerable help or teaching, was scarce ever known before, so that it may be lookt upon as one of the prodigies of this Age.

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